

## COMPONENT ROLL CALL

President Osterloh was recently reappointed Chairman of the Committee on Anesthesia of the American Society of Oral Surgeons in Denver. This is his second consecutive term as Chairman after having served as a member of this important committee for several years. This reflects the closer relationship between our Society and that of the Oral Surgeons which is continuing to develop to our mutual advantage.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Postgraduate Refresher Program MODERN TRENDS IN THE USE OF INTRAVENOUS AND INHALATION AGENTS FOR THE AMBULATORY PATIENT will feature Drs. Thomas W. Jones, Thomas W. Quinn and H. Cris Doku on February 14, 15 and 16, 1966. For further information contact Dr. L. Walter Brown, Jr., Director, Postgraduate Refresher Courses, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, 136 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

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### Drug Abuse Law Effective Feb. 1

The Drug Abuse Control Amendments Act of 1965, which provides for stronger nationwide controls over depressant and stimulant drugs, goes into effect next February 1.

Amendments provide for more stringent regulation of the manufacture, distribution, delivery and possession of such drugs as barbiturates, amphetamines and other psychotoxic drugs which have a potential for abuse because of their depressant or stimulant effects on the central nervous system or because of their hallucinogenic effect.

They do not apply to narcotic drugs, such as opium, morphine or heroin, which are regulated by the U.S. Treasury Department under another statute.

The new amendments also give the Food and Drug Administration stronger enforcement powers to prevent counterfeiting of drugs.

Beginning February 1, pharmacists must take an inventory of the designated depressant and stimulant drugs and

keep their invoices and prescriptions for those drugs for a three-year period.

Pharmacists may maintain separate files on these drugs as they now do for narcotics. However, the new law permits them to keep prescriptions for stimulant and depressant drugs in their regular files if they wish.

Physicians who dispense these drugs will be required to keep records and make them available to Food and Drug Administration inspectors the same as pharmacists.

Stimulant or depressive drugs may be dispensed on telephoned or oral instructions from physicians. However, no prescription order can be dispensed or renewed more than five times or more than six months after being first prescribed.

When President Johnson signed the amendments last July, he lauded organized medicine, the drug industry and other groups for their support of the legislation.

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